

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUBBOCK DIVISION

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 5:23-cv-34-H

**PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW
J. AARON BARNES AS COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.12(a), Plaintiff the State of Texas files this Unopposed Motion to Withdraw J. Aaron Barnes as its attorney in this matter.

J. Aaron Barnes is leaving the Special Litigation Division at the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, and Plaintiff respectfully requests that he be withdrawn as its counsel. The State will continue to be represented by co-counsel listed below. This withdrawal will not delay any proceedings. This motion is unopposed.

Dated April 14, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that on April 14, 2023, I conferred with all counsel by email, and none were opposed to this motion.

/s/ J. AARON BARNES
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on April 14, 2023, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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